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Serial No.: 10/765,165

STORAGE CONTROL DEVICE AND CONTROL

METHOD THEREFOR

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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time also accompany this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.